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* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

7Q, MALAWI. Chris, EC3ADC, will be in Lilongwe from April 7-17th, and will sign 7Q7DX. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/12/10 meters. QSL via EA5IQ: Jose Maria Vives, C Moncada 62 6A, 46025 Valencia, Spain.

CORRECTION. In OPDX.556, under "HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS", the Web site listed for the Galapagos Islands DX Award had a typo in it. The correct URL is: http://www.octavia.com/qsl/awards.htm

DXCC NEWS.....

- **DXCC Accepting P5/4L4FN Contacts**! Wayne Mills, N7NG, Membership Services Department Manager, reports in a ARRL News Release: "Since early November 2001, Mr. Edisher (Ed) Giorgadze, 4L4FN, a Georgian citizen employed by the United Nations World Food Program, has been active as P5/4L4FN in Pyongyang, DPRK. DXCC Rule 7 states 'Any Amateur Radio operation should take place only with the complete approval and understanding of appropriate administration officials.' The rule continues, 'In any case, credit will be given for contacts where adequate evidence of authorization by appropriate authorities exists.' The ARRL has now received adequate evidence that the operation by Mr. Giorgadze is being conducted with the knowledge and approval of telecommunications officials in Pyongyang. At the present time, this approval is limited to SSB operation. The ARRL Awards Committee has met and concurred that the operation should be accredited. As a result, we are pleased to announce that effective immediately, the DXCC Branch will accept SSB contacts with P5/4L4FN for DXCC credit. Contacts with P5/4L4FN dating back to early November, 2001 will count for this Entity." OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive "ARRL DX Bulletin 14 (ARLD014)" which contains more details of the P5/4L4FN operation and its acceptance as an additional bulletin.
- Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports: "Documentation for **EP3UN** (Iran) has been received and approved. QSLs from EP3UN are now being accepted for DXCC credit.

EP, IRAN. Stig, LA7JO, continues to be active as **EP3UN**. Activity over the past weekend was on 30/15/12 meters CW. Watch 10103 kHz after 0215z, and 21017 and 24901 kHz between 1400 and 1630z. Also, the ARRL DX Bulletin reports that Abdullah, **EP2FM**, has been active using RTTY on 20 meters around 0300 to 0400 and 1600z.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Look for Michel, F5IN, to be active as **FG/F5IN** from **Capesterre**, Guadeloupe (**NA-107**, DIFI FG001), from **May 1-10th**. Activity will be on the HF bands and CW only. He plans to meet with Pierre, F6FXS, who has been there since April 16th for some joint CW activity only. This will be a holiday style DXpedition. QSL via F5IN.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. George/KA3HSW and his son (name and callsign not provided) will be on a missions trip from **June 15-27th**, and he is hoping to take his rig along and operate as **HI8/KA3HSW**. George is not sure if he will be able to take along a computer for RTTY, but he will certainly take along cables and a copy of MMTTY in case he can lay his hands on someone else's computer!

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-008**. (Update) Operators JJ2GAZ/1, JQ1QFO/1 and JO1LVZ/1 are planning to be active from Izu Archipelago, **Mikura Island**, from **April 13-14th**. Activity will be on CW and SSB on all bands. QSL via their home callsigns.
- **AS-119**. Look for operators from the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society to be active as **A43GI** from **Al Ghanam Island**, **April 12-15th**. Activity will be on all bands CW/SSB. QSL via A47RS: P.O. Box 981, Muscat 113, Sultanate of Oman.
- **AS-079**. Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/6** from **Miyako Island** (Miyako-jima Hirara-city Okinawa-ken) **April 27th through May 5th** (or possible May 6th). Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10 meters and also 6/2 meters SSB. He will be looking for DX staition on 6m (Look for AF and SA). QSL via Bureau (BURO is best) or direct

to: Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN.

- **EU-045**. Alfredo, IK7JWX, informs OPDX that the A.R.I. and the "Salento DX Team" will activate **Zannone Island** (Archipelago Island Pontine - I.I.A. LT012 - IOTA EU-045) with special callsign **IB0A**, **June 20-24th**. QSL Manager is I0YKN, QSL via the bureau, or direct: Nuccio Meoli Via of the Station 36 04010 CORI (LT) - Italy.
- **SA-029**. Operators PU1NEZ/Carl, PY1LVF/Vieira, PY1NEW/Pete, PY1NEZ/Lima and PY1VOY/Rick were active over the past weekend as **PT1G** from **Grande Island**. However, operations will end **April 8th**. QSL via PY1LVF.

I, ITALY. The city of Rome is celebrating its 2755th anniversary this **April**. It is suggested to be on the lookout for some special event stations to be active.

JD1, Ogasawara. Tack/JD1BKQ, Nori/JA1OZK and some other operators will install a DX Club Station in Aplil on Ogasawara Island (JD1/O)(**AS-031**). They will be on the air as **JD1YBO** from the club station between **May 1-5th**. Their activities on the air at first from the club station will be on CW, SSB and RTTY, the Low Bands and High Bands including the WARC bands and the 6 meter band. JD1BKQ will be active mainly on the High Bands. JA1OZK will be active mainly on Low Bands and 6 meters. Some of the other club members may join the operation as well. QSL via the Bureau to JD1YBO or direct to the following address: Tatsuhiko Kimura (JD1BKQ), 79-142 Nara-cho, Saitama-city, 331-0042 Saitama, JAPAN.

KH1, BAKER AND HOWLAND ISLANDS. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports the KH1 DXpedition is still on track. According to the latest press release, activity should take place between **April 29th and May 9th** using a special 1x1 callsign. All standard DX frequencies will be used according to band plans. Operating modes will be: CW, SSB, SSTV, PSK, RTTY, FM and SATELLITE. Here are the suggested frequencies that will be used mostly, unless bad propagations or too big pile-up occurs:

- CW - 1825, 3505, 7005, 10005 14025, 18075, 21025, 24895, 28025
- SSB - 1825, 3795, 7045, 14195, 18150, 21295, 24950, 28495
- 28.900 - FM only
- 50.105 - 6 meters

All QSL cards for CW, RTTY, SSTV, PSK, FM, SATELLITE, will go to YT1AD: Dr.Hrane Milosevic, 36206 Vitanovac, Yugoslavia, Europe QSL cards for SSB will go to RZ3AA: Roman Thomas (Adress will be published later). The KH1 web page is now available at: http://www.kragujevac.co.yu/kh1/

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA (IOTA Op). Dave, AH6HY, will be going to the rare IOTA **OC-077**, **Manua Islands**, from **May 18-24th**. His activity will be on 10, 15 and 20 meters, SSB only. Look for him on the usual IOTA and DX frequencies. His callsign will be **AH6HY/AH8**. QSL via the bureau is OK or direct (1 new IRC or 1 green stamp for foreign stations). More info can be found at: http://www.qsl.net/ah6hy/samoa.html

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....

- Filippo, IK4ZHH, will be active during the long weekend of **April 25-28th** and sign as

IK4ZHH/P from **Cesenatico Lightouse** for the "WAIL Award (award of Italian lighthouse) reference number: WAIL ER-OO3. His activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB during these days. QSL to IK4ZHH: Filippo, P.O. Box 7217, 47100 Forli/7, Italy.

- Pablo/LU8DO and Claudio/LU7CC will be activating **Punta Piedra Lighthouse** (ARLHS: ARG-058), **April 13-14th**; weather permitting. Pablo is expected to use his own callsign **LU8DO**. Claudio will use his DXpedition callsign **L77C**. Using on a 100 watts and dipoles, look for them on the standard ARLHS frequencies (+/- QRM), however, on 10 meters they will be on 28300/28350 kHz in order to contact local novice hams. QSL L77C via LU7CC, and LU8DO/p via LU8DO.

OD, LEBANON. Operator Max, IW0GXY, has received a licence to operate a 6 meter station from here. He will be signing **OD5/IW0GXY** until **June or even September**. Watch on or around the frequency 50155 kHz (+/- QRM).

OZ, DENMARK (Danish Islands to be Activated!). Knud, OZ2ZB, is expected to be active **April 11th** from the following Danish Islands: **Tagholme** (DIA: NJ-015, no IOTA) at 1000z, **Roenholme** (DIA: NJ-014, no IOTA) at 1100z and **Livoe** (DIA: NJ-007, **EU-171**) at 1200z. His activity will be around 14270 and 21270 kHz (+/- QRM) SSB. QSL via OZ2ZB to the bureau or direct to: Knud Bach, Tranum Engevej 119, DK-9460, Brovst Denmark.

P5, NORTH KOREA. With the good news of the **P5/4L4FN** being accepted for DXCC, Ed was once again active over the past weekend on 21225 kHz during his usual time. There was good news reported this week on Bruce's, KK5DO, Web site stating Ed will be in North Korea until June 2003. Also, the Web page reports that Ed has been active on RTTY on 21080 kHz. However, these contacts are not yet being accepted for DXCC credit. Watch the following Web page for updates: http://www.amsatnet.com/p5.html QSL via KK5DO.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION. Lisa Zeug, K7UQT, asks, "Planning your summer vacation? Consider a trip to Oregon. We have mountains, we have ocean beaches, we have spectacular waterfalls, we have delicious seafood, and we have the **2002 Pacific Northwest DX Convention**!" The Willamette Valley DX Club would like to invite you to the Northwest's premier DX Convention which will be held **August 2-4th**, near Portland, Oregon, at the Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015 (1-800-492-8700). Full details and a registration form will be on their Web site shorty at: http://www.wvdxc.org/convention/

PIRATE ALERT. Serge, **4K5CW**, informs OPDX that someone continues to pirate his callsign on the Digital Modes. He states that he has never and will not in nearest future work the DIGI modes.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- LOST LOGS! Bob, N2OO, reports: "I am sorry to report that most logs from the **JULY 2001** operation at **9M6AAC** were lost. I held about 80 cards while I waited for the 'op' to try to locate the logs on his laptop. However, he has finally reported that he has had no luck salvaging the logs. He is quite heart broken. The only QSO's that we were able to salvage were 200 which were logged on the regular 9M6AAC shack computer from 0822 UTC on July 27th thru 0521 UTC on July 28th. It is quite possible that this may only be a

partial log during this timeframe. All QSLs have been returned with a note explaining the problem. Anyone who needs a QSL for this specific "July 2001" operation using the callsign 9M6AAC can contact me via E-mail at n2oo@arrl.net and I will check the log before you send a card. The July 2001 IOTA Contest operation using callsign 9M6A is OK. ALL other 9M6AAC and 9M6A logs are 100% OK. In the 5 years since 9M6AAC started operations, over 200,000 QSO's have been made and this is the first time we have had a lost log. Anyone can view the 9M6AAC web site at http://www.qsl.net/9m6aac/ and click on 'schedules' to see about future activity from the 9M6AAC/9M6A shack. I have a QSL manager web page found at http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/history/qsl-n2oo.htm where I post news about 'QSL via N2OO'. Again, we are quite sorry about this.... we feel terrible about it..... 73! Bob Schenck, N2OO/9M6OO/V85OO"

- NEED QSL ROUTES for the **2002 CQ WPX SSB Contest**? Check Pascual, EA5EYJ, Web site at: http://www.arrakis.es/~ea5eyj/
- Alex, RU6FA, was informed by Alex, **EZ8BD**, that his QSL information in the "QRZ CD 2001" is not right. The correct route is: P.O. Box 15, Ashgabat, 744017, Turkmenistan.
- The log is available online for the **FK8KC/P** operation to Puel Island (FK067 - DIFO reference number) at: http://www.qsl.net/f5nod/fk8hc_fk067.html All DIFO Award information is available at: http://www.qsl.net/f5nod/diof.html
- **H40XX** and **H44XX** online logs are now available with the exception of CQ WPX SSB activity. The link to the online log can be found at Nick's, VK1AA, page: http://www.qsl.net/vk1aa/temotu/
- Hillar/N6HR and Elsie/N7YX were active in the CQ WPX SSB Contest last week as **KH6RS**. QSL via N6HR.
- Pablo, **LU5XPZ**, in Ushuaia, on the Island of Tierra del Fuego in Argentina, informs OPDX that he has designated Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK, as his QSL Manager. Cards can be sent direct or through the QSL Bureaus for him. Pablo's entries in QRZ.com and Buckmaster now show WD9EWK as his QSL Manager, and the information for WD9EWK is correct at those Web sites as well as in the Radio Amateur Callbook since 1997.
- **NOT A QSL MANAGER**. Christian, **DL6KAC**, reports that he continues to receive QSLs for stations from Eastern Europe (EK, EW, 4J etc.) claiming that he is the QSL Manager for these stations. He is NOT a QSL Manager for ANY stations other than his own /p activites (EA6/, W4/, OZ/, SM/, PA/ etc.) and the WAG 2001 contest QSOs for DN2EI (but *only* these QSOs - not the regular QSOs).
- QSLs for the **5B4/RV3MA** operation go via RW3RN.
- On-line logs for **RH9XN** are now available on the following Web site at: http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?rh9xn QSL via RN9XA: Eugene Bugrimov, P.O.Box 1229, Syktyvkar 167001, RUSSIA UX0FF
- Nikolay, , made about 1000 QSOs on 40 meters in last week's CQ WPX SSB Contest with the short contest callsign **UR6F**. QSLs for UR6F are via UX0FF.
- **VP6DI LOGS**. Shiro, JH4PHW, reports some 32,712 QSOs have been loaded to the following Web site: http://www.big.or.jp/~ham/VP6DI/ Please remember that this is only part of the 50,000 QSOs they made. Shiro also states that the VP6AZ, VP6DB, VP6MW and VP6TC online logs will be available soon on the same page. The operators that were active from Henderson Island made about 4200 QSOs. The QSL information is as follows:
    - VP6TK via N9TK VP6VT via N9TK

    - VP6AJ via N9TK VP6MW via Call Book Address
- Dr. Bill, K6GNX, reports that the operators from the **XR0X** DXpedition to San Felix Island are now home and fine. The online logs have been corrected and are now available at: http://cordell.vwh.net/SFX/ QSLs go to John, N7CQQ, either zip code is OK. John asks to please send a SASE, and that any green stamps and or donations will be very much appreciated to help cover the cost of the helicopter, returning the container, and returning the equipment loaned. Pictures have been posted on the Web site.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Radio Austria International (the external broadcasting service) operates, as in previous years, special event station **OE1M** (a special prefix for this day only), on International Marconi Day, April 27th. This operation aims at inviting radio amateurs and broadcast listeners to learn more about each other. The QSL, accordingly, will be issued "cross.-mode" for OE1M-QSOs/RRs and/or reception reports for "Intermedia", Radio Austria International's weekly communications magazine (broadcast via AM, SW, cable, satellite, and internet). For details check: http://roi.orf.at/intermedia/ Current working frequencies will be announced on the website, and if you enter your callsign in the "QRZ" section, OE1M will immediately call you on the band.

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Monk Apollo, **SV2ASP/A**, was heard this past week on 20 meters and 12 meters. Watch around 14212 kHz after 0400z and 24943 kHz after 1530z. QSL direct to: Monk Apollo, Monastery Dochiariou, GR-63037 Mt. Athos, Greece. Check out the interesting Web site on Mount Athos at: http://www.medialab.ntua.gr/athos/uk/general/top.htm

TK7, CORSICA. Bruno, F5JYD, informs OPDX that the special callsign **TK7I** will be activated by the "LOOS DX GANG", **April 20-27th**, from **Etang de Biguglia**, South of Bastia (IOTA **EU-014**). Activity will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via F5JYD CBA or Bureau.

V2 & VP2M, ANTIGUA AND MONTSERRAT. Bill/W4WX (V25WX & VP2MHX) and Larry/W1LR (V2/W1LR & VP2MHS), members of the Florida DXpedition Group, will be active from **Montserrat April 9-14th** and **April 15-16th** from **Antigua**. Look for them on all bands, except 160 meters, on SSB, MMTTY, and PSK-31. QSL via home callsign, direct or via bureau.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Jim, N8JV, provided the DX community a message from Jim, KC7OKZ, stating that for those of you following Carol/KC7TSX and Jim's sailing adventures on "Morning Wings", they are now on the Marshall Islands. Carol is now **V73SX** and Jim is **V73KZ**. Jim reports everything is up and working fine. The Yaesu FT-900 was put into sevice on the way down from Honolulu when their ICOM-706 bit the dust. It is now repaired and functioning. They set up on the atoll with their little Honda genset (only 1000 watts) and a couple of Hamsticks. He states. "Everything worked great. For now we are doing everything from Majuro (OC-029) but within the next couple of months should be able to get out to at least two of the unactivated atolls and put them on the air. Probably Ujelang will be first."

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Remember that Jack, VK6CTL, is expected to be active as **VK9LT** this week (**April 11-22nd**). Activity will be mostly SSB. QSL via VK6CTL (VK-ZL only) and all others to HB9QR: Erwin Fink, Toedistr. 7, CH-8572 Berg, Switzerland.

VK9ML, MELLISH REEF. By the time you read this, an international team of 10 operators from G, JA, VK, W, and ZL will have set sail for Mellish Reef Monday, April 8th. The voyage

is expected to take approx. 3 to 4 days. For up-to-date news, please check the main Web site at: http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002/ If this site is down or slow, try the mirror website at: http://www.users.bigpond.com/vk4cp/2002/ For Japanese DXers a full translated web site (mirror) is available at: http://www.pedi.jp/vk9ml/2002/

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Jesse, AB5RY, is operating **VQ9J** for the **next few months**. His is expected to have a strong station on 160-10 meters. He was heard this past week on 28435 kHz between 2045-2200z. He was also heard on 24987 kHz around 1930z the week before. QSL to K5QM with a S.A.S.E.

VU4 AND VU7 UPDATE (Why The Blanket Ban). Last week, some of our readers wanted to know why there is a "blanket ban on operations" from Andaman, Nicobar and Lakshdeep Islands. Sahruddin, VU2SDN, President of the Amateur Radio Society of India, provided OPDX with the following answer: "The Government feels that from the point of view of Defence, it is a very sensitive area and they do not want anyone to operate any kind of wireless system. The presumption is apparently based on intelligence reports from people who do not understand what amateur radio is. (or perhaps, do not want to understand) Even for Indians, going there is permitted but not to operate from there. Not only this, at present, no licences are being issued to radio amateurs from Jammu and Kashmir and all the North-Eastern States. Whether we agree with this understanding or not, we cannot do anything about it."

XW, LAOS. Ray, HS0/G3NOM, informs OPDX that the plans for the HSDXA/RAST DXpedition to Laos is now finalized. Activity will be between **April 10-20th**, using the group callsign **XW1HS**. QSL Manager will be E21EIC: P.O. Box 1090, Kasetsart, Bangkok 10903, Thailand. Operators' individual callsigns are as follows: **XW1CW** (E20HHK), **XW1IC** (E21EIC), **XW1OM** (HS0/G3NOM), **XW1CKC** (HS1CKC), **XW1EQY** (HS9EQY) and **XW1GBI** (HS0GBI). QSL to their home callsign or the Thailand QSL Bureau. Ray states all amateur bands and modes are authorized and will be attempted. Please request any special modes or contacts before April 10th. Ray's E-mail address is: g3nom@rast.or.th It is hoped they will have internet access in Vientiane (to be announced). Suggested main operating frequencies:

- **CW** (MHz) 50.115, 28.006, 28.023, 24.895, 21.006, 21.023, 18.073, 14.006, 14.023, 10.102, 10.108, 7.006, 7.023, 3.506, 3.523 and 1.8265 (QSX JA segments also)
- **SSB** (MHz) 50.115, 24.945, 21.295, 18.140, 14.195, 7.052 (QSX NA 7.2 up), 3.795-3.802 (QSX 3.800 for VK) and 1.835-1.840
- **RTTY** (MHz) 28.080, 24.920, 18.102, 14.080, 10.140, 7.037,
- **FM** (MHz) 50.115, 29.260
- **SSTV** MHz 28.540, 21.340, 14.230

Satellite operation should start on April 11th, and continue until April 20th. A concerted effort will be made. HS2JFW has prepared equipment for operations on AO-10, AO-40, FO-20, FO-29, RS12/13, RS15, AO-27, UO-14. Frequencies bands to be used are 21MHz, 28MHz, 144MHz, 430MHz, 2.4GHz. Modes: CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, SSTV. The uplink signal may be weak on 70cm, so listen carefully. See further details of equipment, antennas, operations and updates on the following Web site: http://www.rast.or.th/xw1hs/

YA, AFGHANISTAN. Mark Tell, VK4KMT, is now in Pakistan. He will fly to Afghanistan on Monday, April 8th, and be in Mazar-e-Sharif in Northern Afghanistan for a while. Mark does have a Icom 706 with him. Mark will be there for 3 weeks, then head to Kabul to meet up with

the other guys as they return from taking their out of country break.

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